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A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend Public Law No. 19-85 to restrict any negotiations with the United States contemplated or proposed by the Joint Committee on Compact Review and Planning (JCRP) to Title Two Economic Provisions of the Amended Compact of Free Association, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA:

1           Section 1. Section 4 of Public Law No. 19-85 is hereby  
2 amended to read as follows:

3           "Section 4. Mandate. The JCRP shall carry out the following  
4 responsibilities and obligations:

5                   (1) In consultation with the Congress, set goals and  
6 objectives in anticipation of the termination of the Amended  
7 Compact of Free Association;

8                   (2) Conduct a thorough analysis of all factors  
9 relating the future of the Nation;

10                   (3) Develop all necessary strategies and approaches  
11 to enable the Federated States of Micronesia to explore  
12 alternatives for the future of the Nation; provided that any  
13 contemplated or proposed negotiations with the United States  
14 related to the Amended Compact of Free Association be limited  
15 solely to Title Two Economic Provisions;

16                   (4) Direct its Secretariat in preparing the  
17 documentation necessary to accomplish its responsibilities  
18 hereunder;

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1           (5) Analyze all economic information available on the  
2 Federated States of Micronesia, with the aim of identifying the  
3 FSM's continuing requirement for reasonable, fair, and effective  
4 financial assistance from all sources from the year 2023 onward;

5           (6) Provide reports periodically to the Congress at  
6 each regular session, and to the Office of the President, on all  
7 developments, actual or potential, positive or negative, that may  
8 be related to the future of the Nation, including but not limited  
9 to new information, actions, communications, domestic and foreign  
10 policies, bilateral and multilateral plans, as well as periodic  
11 surveys exploring the value of net benefits to a foreign nation  
12 from an exclusive security prerogative; and

13           (7) Collaborate with the State Governments, the  
14 Department of Foreign Affairs, the Congress, and the Office of the  
15 President in identifying the nominees for the JCRP whose selection  
16 will be subject to Congress's expressed approval; and

17           (8) Use funds for each separate category of expense  
18 only up to the aggregate amount of the line-items of the  
19 corresponding expense category set out in the associated  
20 appropriations bill or bills approved by Congress, and select and  
21 hire the personnel needed to staff the Secretariat, as specified  
22 in section 6 below."

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1           Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by the  
2 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its  
3 becoming law without such approval.

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5 Date: 7/25/16

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